

(iii) The capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project;

(iv) The extent to which the project has joint program direction by qualified nurse and physician educators;

(v) The soundness of the fiscal plan for assuring effective utilization of grant funds; and

(vi) The potential of the project to continue on a self-sustaining basis after the project period.

(2) Pursuant to section 822(a)(1) of the Act, the Secretary will give special consideration to:

(i) Projects for programs for the education of nurse practitioners or nurse midwives who will practice in health professional shortage areas (designated under section 332 of the Act); and

(ii) Projects for education programs which emphasize education respecting the special problems of geriatric patients (particularly problems in the delivery of preventive care, acute care, and long-term care, including home health care and institutional care to such patients) and education to meet the particular needs of nursing home patients and patients confined to their homes.

(3) In determining the funding of applications approved under paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the Secretary will also consider other special factors relating to national needs as the Secretary may from time to time announce in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(b) *Grant awards.* (1) The Secretary will determine the amount of any award on the basis of his or her estimate on the sum necessary for the cost (including both direct and indirect costs) of the project.

(2) All grant awards shall be in writing and shall set forth the amount of funds granted and the period for which such funds will be available for obligation by the grantee.

(3) Neither the approval of any project nor the award of any grant shall commit or obligate the United States in any way to make any additional, supplemental, continuation, or other award with respect to any approved project or portion thereof. For continuation support, grantees must make separate application at such times and in such form as the Secretary may prescribe.

(c) *Noncompeting continuation awards.*

If a grantee has filed an application for continuation support and within the limits of funds available for this purpose, the Secretary may make a grant award for an additional budget period for any previously approved project if (1) the application is for a project which meets the regulations of this subpart and (2) on the basis of such progress and accounting records as may be required, the Secretary finds that the project's activities during the current budget period justify continued support of the project for an additional budget period. If the Secretary decides to continue support, the amount of the grant award will be determined in accordance with paragraph (b)(1) of this section. If the Secretary decides not to continue supporting a project for an additional budget period, he will notify the grantee in writing before the end of the current budget period. In addition, the Secretary may provide financial support for the orderly phaseout of the supported project, if he determines that such support is necessary.

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#### § 57.2407 Grant payments.

The Secretary will from time to time make payments to the grantee of all or a portion of any grant award, either by way of reimbursement for expenses incurred in the budget period, or in advance for expenses to be incurred, to the extent he determines such payments necessary to promote prompt initiation and advancement of the approved project.

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#### § 57.2408 Expenditure of grant funds.

(a) Any funds granted pursuant to this subpart shall be expended solely for carrying out the approved project in accordance with section 822 of the Act, the regulations of this subpart, the terms and conditions of the award, and the applicable cost principles prescribed by subpart Q of 45 CFR part 74; *Provided*, That such funds shall not be expended for sectarian instruction or for any religious purpose.